

## AmericasRelief Team NEWS REPORT

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### **Americas Relief Team Members Give Recognition to Relief Organizations and Corporations for Their Humanitarian Efforts**

**On Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, Americas Relief Team hosted their annual "Florida Appreciation Reception" to recognize and give thanks to corporations and organizations that participated in relief aid to the Caribbean and South America during the '2005 hurricane season.**

**Florida's Governor Jeb Bush could not attend, but celebrated the efforts of Americas Relief Team at an earlier event. In an earlier statement Governor Bush said: "I applaud the efforts of the Americas Relief Team who has worked tirelessly over the past several months to assist those affected by these devastating storms".**

**Jeremy Colleymore, Coordinator of the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency (CDERA), joined Tim Callaghan, who oversees the Caribbean and Latin America for the U.S. Agency for International Development's Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance (USAID-OFDA) to applaud the efforts of the Americas Relief Team members, corporations, and relief organizations for their time and resources to assist their neighbors in the Caribbean.**

**Other speaker's at the reception included Allison Erdle, Director of Corporate Partnerships and Development for the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF), Dr. Jeffrey B. Sharkey, Acting-President of the Florida Association for Volunteer Action in the Caribbean and the Americas (FAVACA), and, Eric Williams, President of G.O.A.L., Inc.**

**The reception, which also celebrated the end of the hurricane season, was hosted by Pharmed Group, Inc., a member of Americas Relief Team. The main sponsor was Rom Matuzalem, who provided special "mojitos" for the gathering.**

## Photo Gallery:



### AmericasHumanitarian Logistics Relief Team RELIEF LOGISTICS CENTER

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#### AmericasRelief Team

Team Members include: FedEx Latin America, Carnival Corp., Pharmed Group, Seaboard Marine, G.O.A.L., Florida Stevedoring, and Lucent Technologies. NGO Collaborators include: FAVACA, PADF, Feed the Children, World Vision-South Florida, and Harvest International.

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**AmericasRelief** is a private sector collaboration of corporations and non-profit organizations created to help our Latin America and Caribbean friends in times of crisis and disasters. Americas Relief Team reacts to immediate crisis, provides ongoing logistics assistance, and conducts plans for future events in the region which will require effective coordination of humanitarian relief.